

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Joint Application by SBC Communications Inc.,  
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell  
Telephone Company Incorporated, The Ohio Bell  
Telephone Company, Wisconsin Bell, Inc., and  
Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.  
for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services  
in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin

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**SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.'S  
MOTION TO ADJUST PAGE LIMIT**

SBC Communications Inc. and its subsidiaries Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Illinois Bell"), Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated ("Indiana Bell"), The Ohio Bell Telephone Company ("Ohio Bell"), Wisconsin Bell, Inc. ("Wisconsin Bell"), and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. ("SBCS") – collectively "SBC" – hereby request that this Commission adjust the 125-page limit normally applicable to the brief accompanying a Bell Operating Company's application for provision of in-region, interLATA services pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 271. In support of this motion, SBC states as follows:

The enclosed Joint Application addresses in detail the comprehensive steps that SBC has taken to open up to competition the local markets in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. While most of those steps were taken on a regional basis, and are therefore addressed collectively in the brief, several issues have arisen in one state or the other, necessitating separate treatment of the four states in certain respects. In all cases, SBC has endeavored to present its

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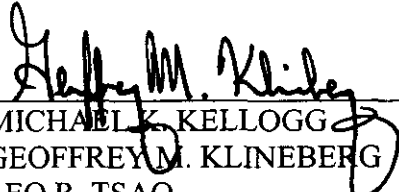
position in a clear and concise manner – and it has succeeded in limiting its presentation to 144 pages – exclusive of the executive summary. SBC further notes that the Commission has identified the circumstances presented here – i.e., a joint application “address[ing] multiple states” – as justifying an adjustment to the page limits that normally apply to section 271 applications. See Public Notice at 6, Updated Filing Requirements for Bell Operating Company Applications Under Section 271 of the Communications Act, DA 01-734 (FCC rel. Mar. 23, 2001) (“The Commission retains discretion to adjust the [125 page limit] for good cause shown, such as when the application addresses multiple states.”).

Accordingly, SBC respectfully requests that the Commission adjust the page limit that would otherwise apply and permit the filing of the enclosed brief in support of SBC’s Joint Application to provide interLATA services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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